GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4430
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2016
Food Safety Infrastructure
Muddahanumegowda Shri S.P.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to strengthen the food safety infrastructure at State level including State level laboratories to carry out sophisticated test on a variety of food items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said plans have not been implemented till date, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expeditiously implement the said programme?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has formulated a scheme for "Strengthening of Food Testing System in the country" at an estimated cost of Rs. 481.95 Cr., which comprises following components:

(i) strengthening of State Food Testing Laboratories (at least one laboratory in each State with a provision of two laboratories in large States);
(ii) strengthening of Referral Food Testing Laboratories;
(iii) support for Mobile Food Testing Laboratories (one mobile laboratory for every 20 districts with at least one in each State/UT);
(iv) capacity building of Food Testing Laboratories, including accreditation of State food laboratories by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL);
(v) incentivising States to utilise testing facilities available in FSSAI notified laboratories; and
(vi) School Food & Hygiene Programme.

(c) & (d): The Scheme has been referred to the Ministries/Departments for their comments on 20.06.2016.
â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦â€¦.